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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *adg*

RE: Site Inspection, Magnesium Corporation of America, Knolls Site,
M/045/008, Tooele County, Utah
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On May 7, 1990, Wayne Hedberg, Holland Shepherd and myself met at the Magnesium Corporation of America (Magcorp), Knolls site with representatives from Tooele County, the BLM, and Magcorp. Mr. Rod Thompson represented Tooele County, Terry Catlin and Maria Soriano represented the BLM, Lee Brown and Stan Johnson represented Magcorp and conducted the tour of the facilities.

At the present time, Magcorp is covered by three individual reclamation bonds with three different regulatory entities (DOGM, BLM & Tooele County). The purpose of this joint inspection was to examine the possibility of reducing the number of reclamation bonds and the redundant bonding by combining them into one bond held by a lead agency.

Upon reaching the site, a brief overview of the site was given by Mr. Brown. We then proceeded to drive around the perimeter of the dike system/evaporation ponds beginning with Pond No. 0. The dikes are constructed of a clay core and earthen materials. Nearly all dike construction materials were taken from borrow areas. The first stop was the clay borrow area located on the northeast end of the site. The next stop was at the earthen borrow area. This area had been regraded and drill seeded in February 1988, although plant growth was sparse. The final stop was the southern Grayback Mtn. gravel borrow area which is just north of the "Community Quarry" area. This area had not been used by Magcorp for some time, although a small portion was kept active. The tour ended back at the Knolls Office with a Dutch Oven Lunch provided by Magcorp. Mr. Brown presented Magcorp's desire for the bond consolidation which was followed by open discussion regarding each of the three regulatory entities requirements/steps for such action.

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At the conclusion of the meeting the following actions were to be taken:
DOGM was to send a copy of the recently approved BLM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Terry Catlin; Mr. Thompson was to send a copy of the minutes taken at an August 1989 meeting regarding a bonding MOU between DOGM and the County; A meeting between DOGM and BLM personnel was to be scheduled within the next two weeks if possible. Mr. Brown was to be kept informed of the steps and progress made.

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